

additional copies, please stop by Mr. Martineau's office. I understand there are plenty available.

With respect to the action today by the Convention adopting the Rules as to compensation and absentees, I would like to advise the Convention that last week, pending the action by the Convention, the Comptroller was instructed by the Secretary to pay the \$25.00 expense allowance to every delegate who was present, either at a committee session or at a session of the Convention on each of the days that either was in session, and not to pay the allowance for any day on which a delegate was not present, either at the Convention session or at a committee session. Furthermore, the record of attendance, which your committee's secretary has been maintaining at the request of the Secretary since Wednesday, September 13, has been maintained and will continue to be maintained for this purpose.

As to compensation, since we did not know what action the Convention might take, the Comptroller was instructed to pay all delegates their proportionate share of the \$2,000 compensation, without deduction, for any absentees, with the idea that, depending upon what action was finally taken by the Convention, an adjustment could be made in the next pay.

Inasmuch as the Convention has approved the rule, and has made it retroactive to the 12th of September, which means that they have imposed on the President the duty of excusing or not excusing absences under the circumstances stated, and inasmuch as there were motions made on previous days by delegates that the Convention excuse an absence of a delegate on that day, which motions were withdrawn at the request of the President pending adoption of the rule, I will, on the basis of the information now available to me, make a determination under the terms of the rule as to whether an absence is excused or not excused. I will, prior to announcing the determination on that issue, advise each delegate affected. I will also advise the Convention of the day on which I will report to the Convention all such action taken with respect to absences from the 12th of September until now.

There will be an opportunity afforded at that time for any delegate, either on his own behalf or on behalf of another, to request the Convention to take such action as it may deem proper with respect to the report which I will make to you.

I will announce the membership of the Entertainment Committee by Wednesday of

this week. I will also endeavor to announce the membership of the Committee on Public Information as quickly as possible.

I have already discussed this in a preliminary way with the officers, in trying to resolve the question of how large the committee should be, and will make the appointments very promptly. As soon as they are made, they will be announced to the Convention.

I wish to announce also that Second Vice-President James, who was present this morning, is absent this afternoon and will be absent tomorrow and Wednesday. He is, on behalf of the Convention, attending the National Legislative Conference at San Antonio, Texas, where he is reading a paper dealing with the work of this Convention. The request was made of the Convention by the National Legislative Conference.

It gives me pleasure to advise you that tomorrow, on September 26, the Convention will have an interested observer from another country, Mr. Seyse Tadeffe. I am not certain of the pronunciation of the name, but I believe that is correct. I understand that he prefers to be called Mr. Sass.

He is a member of the Parliament of Ethiopia. He will be here tomorrow, escorted by representatives of the United States Department of State. He will arrive sometime between 9:15 A.M. and 10:15 A.M. tomorrow morning and plans to spend the day. He will be attending committee meetings. He is very anxious to meet and talk to some of the Convention delegates, and is anxious also to observe the session tomorrow afternoon.

The Secretary of the Convention will accompany Mr. Sass and Mr. Buchwalter of the Department of State and introduce him to the delegates at the various committee meetings.

Miss McNeill requests me to advise that she now has a pool, a small pool, but, nevertheless, a pool of typists and stenographers available, or who will be available by the end of the day. If you find that you need additional typing or stenographic service that cannot be rendered to you promptly by the secretaries assigned to the committee, if you will communicate with Miss Joyce McNeill, who has an office upstairs in Room H-207, and her telephone extension is 345 or 247. You will find her most accommodating. She will endeavor to get you secretarial assistance very promptly.

You should have on your desk today the complete ten-page memorandum that is